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Mother Expresses Belief Oswald Was CIA Agent

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Marguerite Oswald said yesterday she told the Warren Commission she believes her son was a U.S. intelligence agent who was "set up to take the blame" for President Kennedy's assassination. She said she believes her son was innocent.

The 56-year-old mother of Lee Harvey Oswald finished three days of testimony to the Presidential Investigating Commission.

Chief Justice Earl Warren told newsmen after the hearing, however, that the Fort Worth practical nurse offered no evidence to support her belief that the 24-year-old former Marine was a secret agent

for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Warren said:

"She contends that her story to us and the correspondence she presented, taken together, lead her to the speculation—I use the word speculation, as she used it—that he was an agent."

Warren said Mrs. Oswald's lengthy testimony provided no facts that would "change the picture as we knew it up to the time she testified."

Warren said he believed some of the mother's testimony would be useful, however, and summed up her presentation with this sentence:

"She says she believes her son is innocent, that it is possible that he committed the crime, but that it is possible that other people could have committed it."

The plump, motherly looking woman went readily to a group of microphones when the hearing ended and began to tell her story in words that gained intensity and rapidity as she went along.

She said she intends to continue "making public appearances and investigations, if it takes another year," to find the assassin.

She will work, she said, with Mark Lane, a New York lawyer who is currently making speeches and lectures in Oswald's behalf across the country.

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